

**National  
Committee to  
Preserve  
Social Security  
and Medicare**



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The Honorable Gil Gutknecht  
425 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Gutknecht:

On behalf of the 4.2 million members and supporters of the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare, I write to thank you for your continued leadership on the issue of prescription drug importation. Your bipartisan legislation, the Pharmaceutical Market Access Act of 2005 (H.R. 328), represents a key step in providing seniors with immediate relief from the high price of prescription drugs.

H.R. 328 would enable Americans to benefit from the lower prices available on the world market by allowing pharmacies, drug wholesalers, and individual consumers to import FDA-approved medicines from Canada and other developed countries with comparable regulatory regimes. We are particularly pleased with the provisions in the legislation that prevent pharmaceutical companies from taking actions that would thwart drug importation.

One of the National Committee's primary concerns with any drug importation legislation is that it contain the most stringent safety measures possible. We look forward to working with you to develop the safest and most effective system of prescription drug importation.

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We appreciate your leadership, commitment, and unwavering focus to meaningfully lower the cost of prescription drugs for our nation's seniors.

Cordially,

Barbara B. Kennelly  
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